



January 2020

THE SELWYN SPIRE

Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church

2929 Selwyn Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209, Tel: 704-372-6836, www.selwynpres.org

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Adult Winter Sunday School, 9:30am

Together we will explore Jesus's vision of what life together is meant to embody. The Sermon on the Mount calls us to cultivate our relationships in unity and hope.

"The Sermon on the Mount is the key to understanding who Jesus was and what it means to follow in his way. Yet we struggle to know how it pertains to our lives today. Formed by the prevailing individualism of Western culture, we try to read the Sermon as a set of personal instructions – and we fail. Often we accept that the way of life described here is the way that Jesus intends for us, but amidst our fragmented daily routine we lose hope of actually being able to live accordingly. When it comes to the harder teachings of Jesus – "Love your enemies," "Do not worry about tomorrow" – we may even rationalize why we don't have to have to take his words seriously.

Yet Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount were not meant primarily for us as individuals. Rather, they offer a vision of what maturity in Christ looks like for our church communities. As German theologian Gerhard Lohfink reminds us, God's redemptive work in the world consists in the gathering of a people. This work began with ancient Israel, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and was carried forward by Jesus, who gathered a little community of twelve disciples as a symbol of the twelve tribes of Israel. After Pentecost, when these disciples were sent out, Gentiles were invited to be part of God's people as well as Jews, and the people of God was no longer defined by ethnicity." ~ Christopher Smith

www.plough.com/en/topics/community/communal-living/becoming-a-people

If you have never attended a Sunday School class or you attend every week, you are invited to join these conversations and studies in good fellowship and faith. Each class is open to new and experienced believers, young and old, single and married.

- Covenant Class will gather for a traditional biblically based discussion on the Sermon on the Mount. Teachers will include members and clergy. (Parlor)
- Life Class welcomes all visitors and members who enjoy sharing and exploring their faith together. Learners will use a self-guided study on the Sermon on the Mount, as they apply what they learn to their own lives. Copies of the book, Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus, and the study guide will be available in the library or [online](#). (Library)
- Grace Class begins a new series entitled, Faith Hacks. We welcome all who hope to consider what it means to put our faith into action through the themes of the Sermon on the Mount. Discussion leaders will vary according to the discussion subject. (Grace Room)

SAPC STAFF

Rush Otey, *Pastor*

Lori Raible, *Pastor*

Lisa McLennan, *Parish Associate*

Kim Lee, *Director of Children's and Family Ministries*

Fred Spano, *Director of Music*

Gay Pappin, *Organist*

Marsha Cooper, *Church Administrator*

Lawson Caldwell, *Administrative Assistant*

Tonya Moore, *Church Accountant*

Reba Hardaway, *Accounting Administrative Assistant*

Jessica Masanotti, *Communications Specialist*

Steve Stevenson, *Facilities Coordinator*

Beth Sharpe, *Director of Child Development Center*

GROUP CHAIRS

Administration - Matt Baskerville

Child Development Center - Jamie Yearwood

Christian Education and Formation - Erin Mills

Congregational Life - Emily Battle

Mission - Ashley Armistead/Meg Dewey/Allison Tibe

Worship - Pam Brownlee

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SALT SHAKERS

will meet on Sunday, January 5, 6:30pm,
at the home of
Tom and Sally Moore,
2224 Hogan Court.
Questions,
contact [Malyn Pratt](#).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

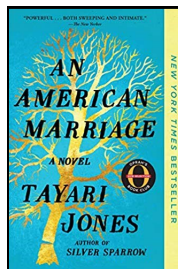
Morgan and Welch Liles joined
on December 15, 2019
with their two daughters, Harrison and Perry.



SAPC BOOK CLUB

will meet on January 21
6:30pm at Sir Edmund Halley's.

This month's selection is
An American Marriage
by Tayari Jones.



Please RSVP to
Beth Ramsey,
704-840-9433.



The CDC Christmas Program took place
on December 12.

In Nursing or Retirement Home

Aldersgate - Dick Metzler
Asbury Health Center - Dottie Metzler
Carriage Club - Mildred Long, Herman Thomas
Charlotte Square - La Melle Hagerty
Genesis Salisbury Center - Margaret Cunningham
Merrywood- Jo Caldwell
Plantation Estates - Anne McMackin,
Cara Munday, Anne Rutherford
Sharon Towers - Richard and Joan Foard
Southminster - Art Jones, Bobbye Linn
The Cypress - Bill and Nancy Budd,
Bobby Davis, Olen and Nancy Smith
Waltonwood Cotswold - Mary Faye Proctor

IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER

Tune to WSOC-TV or WBTV for information
on service or meeting cancellations in case of
severe weather. Please note there are
separate listings for Selwyn Avenue
Presbyterian Church and the Selwyn Avenue
Child Development Center. In case of snow or
ice on the weekends we will make every effort
to hold Sunday morning worship at 10:30am
but will cancel Sunday School and other
events or meetings. We will also put closing
and cancellation messages on the Church's
voice mail system. During the week the
Church Office will follow the CMS closing
schedule.

If there are power outages at the Church,
both the CDC and Church will be closed.

We welcome

Henry Conrad Hahn,
son of Davis and Kiri Hahn,
born on December 17, 2019.
Rick and Eleanor Hahn are the grandparents.



UNION PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY

The Center for Social Justice and
Reconciliation will host
Standing With God:
Civil Rights Then and Now,
on Monday, January 13, 7pm.

RSVP

to join in the conversation at
CN Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian.

Featured speakers will be
pastoral activists the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr.
and the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

will be held on
Sunday, February 23
following worship.

Please join us
for a review of
2019 and for a
brief look into 2020 plans.



AA MEETINGS

Selwyn is the host site for two weekly
Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Mondays
from noon-1pm in the Bates House and
Wednesdays, 8-10pm in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome to attend.
Please direct questions to
Metrolina AA Intergroup, 704- 377-0244



CONSTRUCTION PHASE THREE The Spire door entry is no longer accessible. On Sunday mornings please enter through the Welcome Center or sanctuary. Thank you for your patience during this time. Please continue to call the church office for entry during weekday office hours, 704-372-6836.

PARKING LOT REMINDER

The small parking lot is one-way, from the Selwyn Avenue entrance, down the hill, and out onto Glendale. When exiting, there is a stop sign at the bottom of the hill and a speed bump to remind drivers to exit carefully and slowly.
Please do not enter from Glendale and drive up the hill.



NOMINATION FORM FOR CHURCH ELDERS:

We need your suggestions for Church Elders to begin serving June 7, 2020. If you like, you may give reasons why the people you are suggesting will make good officers (past service to this or other churches; spiritual leadership, etc.) You may submit your suggestions in one of the following ways: 1) Place this form in the offering plate, 2) return the form to the church office or 3) email your nomination to marshac@selwynpres.org where it will be passed to the Nominating Committee. **Please submit your suggestions by January 12, 2020.**

Nominations for Elder (9 will be elected - 3 year term)

Nominations for Youth Elder (1 will be elected - 1 year term)

LIST OF OFFICERS CURRENTLY SERVING AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION:

Class of 2020: Ashley Armistead, Matt Baskerville, Pam Brownlee, Meg Dewey, Andrew McLellan, Jay Pfeifer, Kris Phillips, Olen Smith, Laura Stark

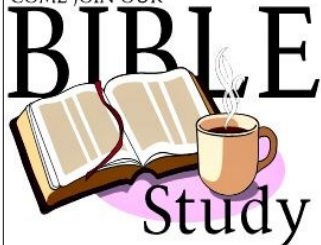
Class of 2021: Emily Battle, Lee Bobbitt, Kim Claxton, DiAnne Cordell, Andy Johnston, Hunter Miller, Erin Mills, Daniel Smith, Heather Smith

Class of 2022: Emily Cox, Janice Finein, Kipp Kiger, Emily Kincade, Bailey King, Tom Moore, Alyssa Sharpe, Allison Tibe, Clark Walton

Youth: Jonah Cameron

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

COME JOIN OUR



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, taught by Rush Otey, convenes on Wednesday mornings from 11-11:45am in the Nell Bates House.

The class will meet on January 15 and January 29, and on subsequent Wednesdays through March 11.

This term we will be learning from the Book of Job and the Gospel According to Mark. All adults are welcome!



BOOK OF EXODUS, taught by Kim Lee, continues on Sunday, January 5 from 4-5:30pm in the Grace Room. You will find a safe place to explore and test faith, develop deep and wide friendships, and grow in your relationship with and understanding of God.

Please contact [Kim Lee](#) with any questions.

Remaining class dates:

January 5, 12, 19, and 25 and February 2, 9, and 16



THE MEN'S GROUP meets every other Friday at 7am in the Bates House for fellowship and thematic study. The remaining January meetings are January 17 and 31. All men are invited to join.



Children's Sunday School, 9:30am

Jesus and John the Baptist will be our focus for the beginning of the year. We look forward to you joining us on Sundays for Bible stories and activities.

Children's Choir

We invite children ages 3 through 2nd grade to join us. The group meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6pm.

The Christmas Pageant took place on Sunday, December 15, 2019.



STEWARDSHIP 2020, FACE TO FACE

Your commitment at any level matters. By making an annual pledge you support the vision and mission of SAPC. Please return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office. Or you may email your commitment to Church Accountant [Tonya Moore](mailto:Tonya.Moore@selwynpres.org), or pledge online: www.selwynpres.org/giving/.

MISSION

FOOD FIRST SUNDAY IS JANUARY 5



Please consider bringing in 1-2 pound bags of dry rice or beans, canned vegetables, canned meat, cereal and snack foods such as granola bars.

No glass items please.

Thank you for helping feed the Montclair Elementary School families in need.

Please grab a bag from the Narthex and fill it up. Thank you, Selwyn!



Monday nights through March 30, we host twelve homeless neighbors and provide three meals and a warm, safe place to sleep. Please consider helping.

Current needs:

January 6 – lunches, breakfast

January 13 – overnight hosts, dinner, breakfast

January 20 - all needs

January 27 - evening driver, overnight hosts

Supplies: two liter sodas, socks, large and extra-large t-shirts.

[Sign-up to help](#) or contact [Michelle Bentley](#).



Join us in serving & loving our neighbors at Montclair Elementary:

After-School Program
Tutoring
Food Pantry

www.selwynpres.org/volunteer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Each Monday, December through March we host 12 guests through Selwyn's Room in the Inn. Each Monday, new socks, underwear, and t-shirts are offered to the guests. Supplies begin to run low in January. The Presbyterian Women will collect items in January and February to help keep supplies available. Needs: men's underwear (medium - XXL), men's T-shirts (Large – XXL), socks, individual Gold Bond powder/ foot powder, tooth brushes, disposable razors, travel size deodorant, etc.

There are two daytime Circles and one evening Circle that meet monthly through May. All women are invited to participate.

WORSHIP



COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED on January 12.

If you are unable to attend the worship service and would like to receive communion at your residence, please notify Pam Brownlee, 704-622-5730 or the church office, 704-372-6836.



2020 SANCTUARY FLOWERS The calendar is available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Individuals, families, classes and groups are encouraged to sign up for flower dedications. The price is \$65 for the weekly arrangement. This is a lovely way to honor special people, occasions, committees or groups and provide this meaningful aspect of our Worship Service. Please sign up so we can continue to enjoy God's beauty in this way.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Susan Lohr | 8 Suzanne Newsom | 16 Courtney Arnheim Jennifer Coble Kay Hastings Sallye Richards | 28 Robert Shore Craig Williams |
| 2 Elizabeth Rossi | 9 Reed Claxton | | 29 Alex Burgin Walker Burgin Maggie Franklin Carter Long |
| 3 Hugh Brown Sue Ward JD Yearwood | 10 Krista Porter | 17 Jane Windell | 30 Jean Buchanan |
| 4 Meg Brownlee Allison Tibe | 11 James Bolewitz Debbie Otey Evan Sauda | 19 Hudson Mills | 31 Greg Astroth James DePhillips |
| 5 Scott Daily Richard Foard Tony Windell | 12 Isabella Sanders | 22 Jim Torbet | |
| 6 Bob Hormberg | 14 Rebecca Cooper Cason Kiger Liz Weingart | 23 Katherine Hoskins | |
| 7 Kay Barbera Joy Berry Frankie Hinshaw | 15 Gay Pappin Susan Scott | 25 Emma Stark Sandy Summers Carina Yeterian | |
| | | 26 Hampton Horne Eleanor Moore | |



CALENDAR

Friday, January 3

- 7:00 Men's Group (BH)
- 6:00 Youth Game Night (BH)

Sunday, January 5

- 9:30 Chancel Choir (S)
- 9:30 Sunday School for All
- 10:30 Worship (S)
- 11:30 Called Session Meeting (Chapel)
- 11:30 Planning Committee
- 4:00 Exodus Study (GR)
- 5:30 Youth Group (FH)
- 6:30 Salt Shakers (Moore's)

Monday, January 6

- 12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
- 12:30 PW Circle 1 (Newitt)
- 5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:30 PW Circle 3 (BH)
- 7:00 PW Circle 4 (Ramsey)
- 7:15 BSA Troop Committee (SH)

Wednesday, January 8

- 5:30 Children's Choir
- 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Sunday, January 12

- 9:00 Chancel Choir (S)
- 9:30 Sunday School for All
- 10:30 Worship with Communion (S)
- 4:00 Exodus Study (GR)
- 5:30 Youth Group (FH)

Monday, January 13

- 12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
- 5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, January 14

- 6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

Wednesday, January 15

- 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)
- 5:30 Children's Choir
- 6:15 Handbells (B)
- 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)
- 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, January 17

- 7:00 Men's Group (BH)

Saturday, January 18

- 6:30 Just Friends (tbd)

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 Chancel Choir (S)
- 9:30 Sunday School for All
- 10:30 Worship (S)
- 11:30 Prayer Shawl Meeting (P)
- 4:00 Exodus Study (GR)

Monday, January 20

- Church Office and Child Development Center Closed
- 12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
- 5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:30 SAPC Book Club (Sir Edmond Halley's)

Wednesday, January 22

- 5:30 Children's Choir
- 6:15 Handbells (B)
- 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, January 24

- High School Ski Retreat

Saturday, January 25

- High School Ski Retreat
- Middle School Ski Trip
- 9:00 Session Planning Retreat (Covenant Presbyterian)

Sunday, January 26

- High School Ski Retreat
- 9:30 Sunday School for All
- 10:30 Worship (S)
- 11:30 Session Meeting
- 4:00 Exodus Study (GR)

Monday, January 27

- 9:00 Spire Deadline
- 12:00 AA Meeting (BH)
- 5:00 Room In The Inn (FH)
- 7:00 Boy Scouts (SH)

Tuesday, January 28

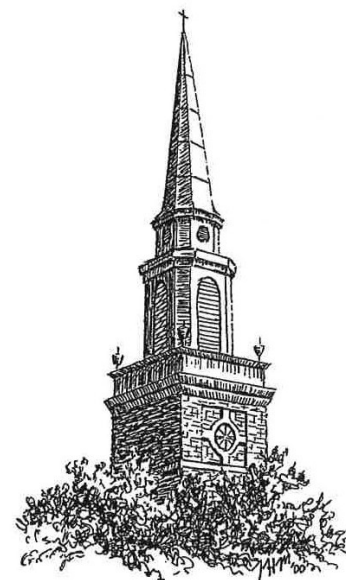
- 6:00 GSA Juniors/Cadettes (SH)

Wednesday, January 29

- 11:00 Pastor's Bible Study (BH)
- 5:30 Children's Choir
- 6:15 Handbells (B)
- 6:30 Cub Scouts (SH)
- 8:00 AA Meeting (FH)

Friday, January 31

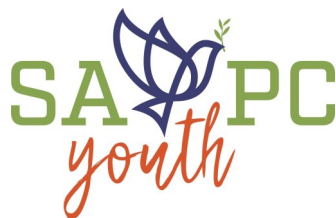
- 7:00 Men's Group (BH)



Church Office Hours
9am-5pm Mon.-Thurs.
9am-1pm Fri.

- (BH) - Bates House
- (BHP) - Bates House Parlor
- (BHB) - Bates House Back Room
- (B) - Bowman Building
- (C) - Chapel
- (FH) - Fellowship Hall
- (GR) - Grace Room
- (L) - Library
- (P) - Parlor
- (S) - Sanctuary
- (SR) - Science Room
- (SH) - Scout Hut

YOUTH NEWS



First and most importantly, **thank you for your deep commitment and partnership** as we continue to take our baptismal vows seriously on behalf of the youth of Selwyn and their families. Over the last few years, our youth program has indeed flourished. The framework for a robust, engaging program is solid and able to sustain both the momentum of our journey together and the current transitions of leadership.

We ask for your understanding and presence.

A master calendar for the youth is in the works. For now please mark your calendar for these key dates:

- January 5 and 12 - Youth Group as Usual 5:30-7pm
- January 24-26 - High School Ski Trip! Don't forget to [RSVP](#)
- January 25 - Middle School Ski Trip! Don't forget to [RSVP](#)
- February 23 - Youth Sunday Worship
- May 1-3 - Montreat Church-Wide Retreat

THE SELWYN COMMUNITY ONLINE Visit us on Facebook for information about our church, photos, and announcements. Log onto Facebook, Search for Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, typing <http://bick.by/2cWheeo> into your browser, or use the QR code shown.
(QR Code Reader app or tech-savvy child required!)



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